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Public Notice

Changes in Town Government Operations due to CoVID-19 State of Emergency.

The Town of Berwyn Heights Administration, Code Compliance, Police and Public Works Departments remain open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm with some reduction in service.

- Town facilities closed for public meetings and events;
- No in-person notary service, except for emergencies performed by BHPD at 5411 Berwyn Rd.
- Rental inspections suspended until May 15;
- Licenses and permit applications issued by Code Department to be submitted by e-mail to zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov or U.S. mail;
- All payments to be submitted by check through U.S. mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

For more information, please call Town office at 301-474-5000.

Check the Town website for the latest updates
<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

Public Hearing Notice

FY 2021 Budget Introduction April 15, 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council plans to introduce its FY 2021 budget at the April Town Meeting. The meeting has been postponed to Wednesday, April 15 due to the coronavirus emergency and will take place by video conference. No in-person attendance will be allowed.

The meeting will be broadcast live on BHTV (FiOS 12, Comcast 71 and streamed on the Town's website, www.berwynheightsmd.gov.

Public comments will be taken over the telephone at 301-4749570. The proposed FY 2021 budget will be posted on the Town website at <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget>

Aviso Publico

Cambios en el Gobierno del Pueblo Operaciones por CoVID-19 Estado de Emergencia.

Los departamentos de Administración, Código, Policía y Obras Públicas del Pueblo de Berwyn Heights permanecen abiertos de 8:30 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. con alguna reducción en el servicio.

- Instalaciones de la ciudad cerradas para reuniones y eventos públicos;
- No hay servicio notarial en persona, excepto emergencias realizadas por BHPD en 5411 Berwyn Rd.
- Inspecciones de alquiler suspendidas hasta el 15 de mayo;
- Las solicitudes de licencias y permisos emitidas por el Departamento del Código se enviarán por correo electrónico a zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov o a U.S. correo;
- Todos los pagos se enviarán mediante cheque a través de EE. UU. correo a 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Para obtener más información, llame a la oficina de la ciudad al 301-474-5000. o visite el sitio web del pueblo
<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

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Town of Berwyn Town of Berwyn Heights Response to Coronavirus COVID-19

For public release - Updated March 20, 2020

Due to ongoing concerns about the possible spread of the Coronavirus (COVID19), the Berwyn Heights Town Council and staff have taken the following actions to protect the health and safety of our residents and staff:

State of Emergency declared: A local State of Emergency has been signed by Mayor Isler and is effective as of **March 13, 2020 at 5 p.m. and will remain in effect until the [State of Maryland's State of Emergency](#)** is lifted. At a minimum, the following contingencies will be in place in the Town of Berwyn Heights through **May 15, 2020**. A local declaration of a state of emergency allows the Town to access resources from other jurisdictions and the State of Maryland, if the need arises. The state of emergency declaration also allows the Town Council to suspend Ordinances and Council Rules in order to protect the health and safety of its residents and employees.

Senior Center: Pursuant to the State of Maryland State of Emergency declaration, the Berwyn Heights Senior Center is closed until further notice.

Events: All events, public and private, scheduled for Town Center and any other town-owned property, including Berwyn Heights Day, have been canceled through May 15th.

Town organization and committee meetings: All meetings of Town organizations and committees are canceled through May 15th, unless specifically approved by the Town Manager.

Town Hall and Police Department Administrative offices: The Berwyn Heights Town Hall and the Police Department administrative offices will remain open, but certain services have been suspended or will not be offered in person. Residents are encouraged to, whenever possible, access services electronically, through the U. S. mail or via telephone. See details and phone numbers below.

Town Hall:

General inquiries: In order to limit in-person contact with town staff, please refrain from coming to Town Hall as much as possible. General inquiries or concerns should be made over the phone by calling (301) 474-5000.

Notary services: All notary services provided at Town Hall have been suspended until the State of Emergency is lifted.

Police Department:

Calls for service: The Police Department will continue to answer calls for service and conduct patrols as normal, however, on certain calls, the police dispatcher, or the police officers may ask health-related screening questions related to flu-like symptoms and recent travel. Some, non-emergency report calls that can be handled over the phone may be handled in that manner by officers. For any questions or concerns, please call our administrative number at (301) 474-6554 or the non-emergency at (301) 352-1200. For emergencies, please dial 9-1-1.

Health screening of visitors: For the safety of everyone within our Police Department administrative offices, all staff, as well as police officers, and visitors must have their temperatures checked prior to being granted access to enter the building. Any person registering a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, will be denied access to the building facility. Upon registering a temperature at or above 100 degrees, a second scan will be performed. If the second scan also registers 100 degrees or higher, the person will be advised that they are denied access to enter. This scan is mandatory and cannot be refused for health and safety reasons.

Parking tickets: To discourage folks from coming to the Berwyn Heights Police Department to pay parking tickets, a grace period through May 15th has been added for the payment of all parking tickets.

Notary services: Notary services for emergency and exigent circumstances such as powers-of-attorney and anything related to the Coronavirus-COVID-19 will be provided. All other notary services will be suspended until the State of Emergency is lifted.

Code Compliance:

All building permits and rental applications will be accepted electronically via email or through the U. S. mail only. Payments will be accepted in check form only, through the U.S. mail. Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit card payment though the internet or over the phone. All rental permit applications and payments are due as scheduled, with no change in expiration dates. All rental inspections will be rescheduled until after the State of Emergency is lifted. The Code Compliance Department staff will contact property owners to reschedule.

Town Council Meetings:

Electronic meetings: No in-person Town Council meetings will be held until the State of Emergency is lifted. All meetings will be attended by the Town Council and staff electronically. Meetings will be broadcast via the town cable channel. Residents will be instructed on how to participate in these meetings. Staff will continue to monitor guidance provided by the State and will make timely recommendations if any further changes become necessary.

Town Hall meetings: The Town Hall meeting scheduled for April 8th has been postponed until April 15th. The May 13th Town Hall meeting will be held on May 13th. The Town Council and staff will conduct these meetings electronically. Residents will not be allowed to participate in-person at these meetings but will be instructed on how to participate remotely in these meetings.

Worksessions: At this time, all Town Council Work Sessions scheduled through May 15th have been cancelled. All discussion of action items under Council consideration normally held at a work session will be held at the Town Hall meeting in which they are introduced

Budget retreat: The Town Council budget retreat scheduled for March 28th will continue as scheduled but will not be open for the public to participate in person. Contingencies will be in place for the public to participate electronically.

Town Council elections: Town Council elections will not be held in person on May 5th. Residents and candidates will be informed about changes to the Town Council elections as soon as that information is available.

Trash collection and other Department of Public Works services: We will continue to provide services as normally scheduled. For the health and safety of our crew, residents are asked to limit direct in-person contact with our staff.

Important Town of Berwyn Heights phone numbers:

Town Hall: (301) 474-5000

Police Department non-emergency communications: (301) 352-1200

Police Department administrative inquiries: (301) 474-6554

Emergencies: Dial 9-1-1

For your health and safety: Residents are encouraged to follow protocols put out by the Prince George's County and Maryland Departments of Health to avoid exposure to Coronavirus (COVID19). If you have questions or concerns about the Coronavirus, please call the **Prince George's County Coronavirus Hotline at (301) 883-6627.**

**MAY 5, 2020
TOWN COUNCIL
ELECTION**



**5 de Mayo de 2020
ELECCION
DEL CONSEJO**

Postponed

Dates & Details to be announced

Please check the Town website for the latest updates or give us a call at 301-4747-5000.

<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

Pospuesto

Fechas y detalles que se anunciarán.

Visite el sitio web de Town para obtener las últimas actualizaciones, o llámenos al 301-4747-5000.

<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

**APRIL 29
CANDIDATES NIGHT**



Postponed

**29 de ABRIL
FORO de CANDIDATOS**

Pospuesto



Steven Blizzard - Filed for Candidacy. No Bulletin ad submitted.



Chris Brittan Powell

When my wife and I discovered Berwyn Heights twenty years ago, we knew we found the community to raise our young family. I grew up in a similarly small, albeit very rural, town out West. I instantly felt right at home in Berwyn Heights. We quickly dove into building our life here, succeeding largely by accepting the responsibilities required to sustain the desirable civic qualities found in Berwyn Heights and by becoming deeply involved in Town organizations/institutions such as the elementary school, PTA, and Boys and Girls Club.

Over these many years, I took on numerous and varied volunteer, coaching, and leadership roles in these and other town groups and counted myself blessed even when our kids were small and the responsibilities felt overwhelming. Now, our kids are older, I have recently aged to the point of becoming a member of

the Seniors Club, and we will retire in BH. Over the years, friends have nudged me to run for Town Council—I find myself at a point where, if my fellow citizens wish it, I can pursue serving the town in this way.

We are a community with many strengths. Our established civic groups do wonderful work. I am not so arrogant as to think I can improve upon them, but if elected, I will seek to sustain and enhance these groups. I will also work to assure that our Town departments (e.g., code, police, public works) continue to be well managed/staffed. The current council has done some excellent work in all of these areas, and I applaud them. If elected, I will be honored to join them in these continued efforts.

I wish all our citizens good health during these challenging COVID 19 days.



Amanda Dewey

My name is Amanda Dewey and I hope you will consider voting for me in the upcoming election! I have held a position on the Berwyn Heights Town Council since 2018 and would be honored to continue to serve.

I moved to Berwyn Heights in 2015 and quickly realized that I had stumbled upon a truly special community. I immediately became involved in the Berwyn Heights Green Team, which introduced me to the functions and processes of our local government. Outside of Berwyn Heights, I am an environmental sociologist. I work as an instructor at the University of Maryland, where I am also pursuing my PhD.

Preserving and enhancing our sense of community is one of my top priorities. As such, I led the first Berwyn Heights resident survey in an effort to understand the opinions of our community members. I also worked to reinvigorate our Educational Advisory Committee and formed a Walkable Bikeable Berwyn Heights group that developed a series of recommendations for safety. Recently, I advocated for and developed our first summer scholarship program for low-income students. I have and will continue to work at all levels to address environmental issues to preserve the health of our ecosystems and community, enhance quality of life, and combat climate change. I have connected us with resources in the region to help address these issues through projects like pet waste station installations, rain garden planting, and our Trees of Distinction campaign.

Finally, I hope that you'll participate in our election and local government no matter who you choose to support. The more that the Council can hear from residents in any form, the more our actions can reflect our wonderful community!



Jodie Kulpa Eddy

Hello again fellow residents of Berwyn Heights!

My name is Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, and I am running for my fifth term on the Town Council. I was first elected in 2010, but stepped away in 2018 in order to prepare the workload at my full-time job for my successor. I retired as a veterinarian from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in December 2019.

I have lived on Ruatan Street for twenty years, and have been a member of the Recreation Council, Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee, and our Community Emergency Response Team. On the Town Council, I served as Councilmember, Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor. I graduated as a Fellow from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland in September 2013, and found the knowledge invaluable as I headed the Administration, Code and Police Departments.

My accomplishments in service to Berwyn Heights include locating and helping to secure matching funding from the State in order to install emergency back-up generators for the Town Office and Town Center. This ensures not only continued government services to our residents in the event of an electrical outage, but also allows the Town Center to serve as a heating or cooling center, as it did after the derecho in 2012. I led the review and update of Ordinance 101, adding standards for the humane care and treatment of animals. And most recently, I have collaborated with Town clubs and committees to host a fun, new event: Team Trivia Night.

I first ran for the Town Council to ensure Berwyn Heights retains the qualities and characteristics I appreciated when I chose to live here. I hope to continue to apply my experience towards this goal, and would appreciate your vote on May 5.



Jeffrey Jay Osmond

Greetings residents! Within Washington, D.C.'s metropolis, I want us to live in a well-managed, safe, friendly, and neighborly oriented town. My wife and I with her mom, raised our two boys here. I am a public servant. I serve full-time for the Public Buildings Service of the U.S. General Service Administration. I serve part-time for the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command as a Commander in the Civil Engineer Corps of the U.S. Navy Reserve. Years ago, for several seasons, I coached soccer for the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club, plus I started its track team.

I was appointed to the Town Council on February 13, 2019. Since then I have overseen the Code Compliance Department. During my tenure we've hired a friendly director and code officer. We've improved operations with enhanced computer and software use. We also made a Consolidated Fees and Fines Schedule, adjusted fee amounts to reimburse actual processing costs, and shared fun graphics with our code compliance reminders in the Town Bulletin. To improve my service, I enrolled in the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy's Academy for Excellence in Local Governance.

If elected, I will continue to pursue improvements for our town's operations, particularly our budgeting practices and quality of services. As we dial-in operating in the best-known ways within our means, I would like to look for ways to contain taxes without shorting the quality public services we control.

Thank you for participating in our democracy! I ask for your votes. Please vote.



Jason Papanikolas

It has been my distinct honor to serve as your Mayor Pro Tem and I hope that you will allow me to continue serving you. I have been actively involved in the Berwyn Heights community for nearly two decades - at the school, through the Boys and Girls Club and PTA, and now as an elected leader. My wife teaches at our elementary school and both of our boys attend public school.

My family is grateful to have found a community like Berwyn Heights. As we have watched our town grow and change over time, we are happy to see that it has retained the character that makes it a welcoming place for visitors and residents alike. However, we continue to face challenges that most small towns in America are trying to tackle - namely how to keep that small town charm, while remaining relevant to current and future generations.

Over the next term, I would like to work with you on the following priorities:

- Upgrading our public spaces - Working with you and our county partners, I will work to upgrade our parks and sports fields to create inviting spaces for all residents.
- Improving pedestrian safety - Our sense of community is enhanced when we feel safe walking around our neighborhood. I will work to implement the recommendations of the Walkable Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force.
- Preserve Economic Vitality - The 193 corridor is changing rapidly, and Berwyn Heights needs a plan to evolve with it. I will work with the developers of Beltway Plaza to ensure that the mall redevelopment fits in with our vision of Berwyn Heights' future.

Let's keep Berwyn Heights the greatest small town inside the Beltway. I hope that you'll support me on May 5th.

Jason W. Papanikolas, MBA; Mayor Pro Tem - Administration; 48th Council



Ethan Sweep

Hello friends and neighbors! My name is Ethan Sweep and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Town Council of Berwyn Heights.

As a member of the Berwyn Heights Town Council, I have enjoyed being part of discussions surrounding the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza. I have strongly encouraged developers to remain cognizant of environmental design and the opportunity to enhance green spaces as a part of the redevelopment. Additionally, I have advocated for the creation of more pedestrian and bicycle friendly infrastructure within the community, especially along our traffic heavy corridors.

Throughout my professional career I have worked on everything from creating community gardens to large scale agricultural systems while being mindful of our responsibility to care for the environment. As your council member I will continue to use my knowledge and skills to work for you. Helping Berwyn Heights become more ecologically friendly and welcoming. Community green spaces should offer everyone a chance to participate in healthy, outdoor recreation and community events. These areas could also be utilized as an educational opportunity to teach the importance of ecology and conservation while showcasing the local flora and fauna native to this area.

Most importantly, I will offer my service to you, my friends and neighbors. I promise a listening ear and a helping hand to anyone with ideas on how to improve our community.

With this in mind, I politely ask for your vote on May 5, 2020.



Phil Ventura

Friends, Neighbors and Berwyn Heights'ians, please lend me your ears and votes.

Although born a Pittsburgh Boy, I grew up spending a lot of time in the woods and on the farm. I learned many practical DIY skills working as an apprentice for my uncles. Later, I worked in many types of jobs, including wholesale and retail produce, rural water treatment, electronics technician, and as you may know, professional musician. I offer my hands-on, common sense approach to life and its problems in the service of the Town. If I am elected, I would be guided by these principles:

- The buck stops here! I will spend your money as if it were my own and will cast my eyes into every corner looking for ways to save money on your behalf.
- Return our local government to its original form! I will work to repeal *Ordinance 121 – Powers & Duties of the Town Council, Councilmembers & Town Manager*, which transitioned the Town towards a Town Manager form of government.
- Protect the Board of Election Supervisors from political pressures by appointing election judges in non election years!
- Stop unfair subsidies! I will fight to do away with FREE “electric gas” refills for everyone (resident or not) who owns an electric or hybrid vehicle.
- Stop waste! I will not spend another dime on cosmetic concrete curbing until we have finished adding sidewalks in critical areas of town, such as streets used heavily by schoolchildren.

If you agree, please vote for me. Ciao - Ventura

Worksession February 3, 2020

The Council met in executive session regarding a personnel matter from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Ethan Sweep, and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Code Director Hollyce Goodwin, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Board of Election Supervisor candidates, Sharmila Bhatia, Laura Bowers, Sharon McCraney, Paul McNulty, Debby Steele Snyder and Tracy O'Heir, PTA Vice President Sara Jacobson, BHVD representatives Kyle Snyder and Ryan Wagner and citizens.

1. Announcements

Mayor Isler announced that the Council held an executive session on a personnel matter prior to this meeting.

2. Discussion Items

Election judges appointment: TM Broadbent said that the process of recruiting election judges was changed for this cycle to require candidates to submit an application form. Six of the seven applicants are present today so the Council can ask them questions and vet them. Approval would take place at the February Town meeting.

The Council interviewed the following applicants to the Board of Election Supervisors: Sharmila Bhatia, Laura Bowers, Sharon McCraney, Paul McNulty, Tracy O'Heir and Debby Steele Snyder. Lee Fuerst was unable to attend but expressed her interest in continuing to serve on the Board. Each responded to the Council's question why they want to serve as an election judge and how voter turnout might be improved. Reasons for wanting to serve ranged from the desire to support an important civic duty to enjoyment of connecting with neighbors and the larger community. Suggestions for increasing voter participation focused on better advertising of the election, e.g. placing signage in many places throughout the Town; sending messages through social media, and engaging residents where they shop, and their children go to school.

Current Chief Election Judge Sharmila Bhatia explained how the position of a Chief Judge differs from that of a regular judge. She said the main difference is the responsibility for deciding how to resolve problems that may arise on election day, such as handling voters whose names are

not on the rolls or whether to conduct a recount. Paul McNulty nominated Ms. Bhatia to continue to serve as Chief Judge. The Council had no objection. Ms. Bhatia accepted the nomination. The Council also set Wednesday, April 29 as the date for Candidates' Night.

FY 2021 funding requests: Mayor Isler said a number of representatives from Town organizations and departments are present tonight to present their requests for budget enhancements for FY 2021.

Green Team: The Green Team will submit their funding request later as they are still working on a program for next year.

Seniors Club: The Seniors Club requested some Senior Center improvements that will be presented as part of the Administration Department's enhancement requests at the next worksession.

Boys & Girls Club: The Boys & Girls Club representative could not attend tonight's meeting but the Club's request will be similar to last year's, including liability insurance and marketing materials.

Historical Committee: Sharmila Bhatia, Vice Chair of the Historical Committee, said the Committee will request the same amount as in previous years: \$2000, plus \$400 through the Recreation Council events line item. The funds would be used to improve the museum, to purchase oral history recording equipment, to produce a plaque for the late Mayor Armistead and a heavy-duty post for a historic marker dedicated last fall.

Recreation Council: Susan Jones, President of the Recreation Council, said the organization will request the same amount as last year. Most of the funds will be used for Berwyn Heights Day and many smaller events throughout the year. She is exploring co-hosting the Lake Artemesia summer concerts with College Park and sharing expenses. No additional money will be requested for concerts.

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA: Sara Jacobson, Vice President of the BHES PTA, said the PTA requests assistance with funding traveling science programs of the Maryland Zoo and/ or the Maryland Science Center, which cost \$1,200 - \$1,500 each. She also sought clarification on whether the Town would fund both the Berwyn Heights Elementary School and PTA programs in a given fiscal year. She is concerned that the PTA and the School, which has also requested funding, might be competing or asking to fund the same thing.

Ms. Jacobson was told both entities can request funds and the Council decides

whether to fund them. The PTA and the School may want to talk to make sure they are not asking for the same thing. Ms. Jacobson said she believes the School is seeking funding for students to attend Imagination Theater in Bethesda, costing \$11 per student or approximately \$800 per grade. TM Broadbent suggested the School submit a separate funding request by February 20 so that it can be included among all budget enhancement requests.

CM Dewey said she is considering setting up a Town scholarship for a Berwyn Heights student or students to attend a summer enrichment camp. She has asked the Education Advisory Committee (BHEAC) for recommendations and would like to hear what the PTA thinks. Ms. Jacobson said a more open-ended scholarship not tied to a specific program might be more attractive.

Ms. Jacobson further suggested the Town disseminate more information in Spanish in order to engage the sizable Spanish-speaking population in Berwyn Heights. The PTA has difficulty recruiting Latinos to serve on its board and believes the language barrier prevents them from joining. TM Broadbent agreed and added the Town's election signs and street banner should be in Spanish. CM Dewey proposed to offer voter registration as part of Census Day, during which Spanish translation service will be available.

Volunteer Fire Department: BHVFD Board Members Kyle Snyder and Ryan Wagner presented the BHVFD funding request of \$10,000. Mr. Snyder gave an overview of the fire department's 2019 accomplishments including the purchase of a new \$1.2 million heavy-duty rescue squad, as well as fire station and ambulance upgrades. Two BHVFD were awarded Firefighter of the Year Awards for the rescue of Berwyn Heights residents on 60th Avenue, and the Department continued to participate in Berwyn Heights Day, and other events.

Mr. Snyder said that the BHVFD has annual expenses of approximately \$250,000, almost half of which are dedicated to paying off apparatus purchases. The Department has been exploring building a new fire station estimated to cost \$13 million, either in the current location or on the lots it owns across the street from the current station. Funding will be requested from the State of Maryland through a bond bill and from the County's CIP budget. BHVFD may ask the Town to support its funding requests. In response to questions, Mr. Snyder and Wagner said that the BHVFD is not struggling in terms of membership but

would like to have more volunteers, especially from Berwyn Heights itself. Many of its volunteers are from out of state or are students at UMD. Applicants for a firefighter position will undergo a background check performed by the County, which would cover related medical tests. If the cost of a medical test is an obstacle for an applicant, the BHVFD would likely cover them.

Code Department: Code Director Hollyce Goodwin presented the Code Department's requests for budget enhancements. These include an increase of \$3,000 in the network/software support line item, which covers annual maintenance and licensing of the Comcate code management system, including a new personal property tax module; an increase of \$800 in the training line item; an increase of \$250 for uniforms; and increase of \$550 in the travel line item to attend training in more distant locations; an increase of \$300 in the gas & oil line item and an increase of \$100 in the vehicle maintenance line item to cover an additional code vehicle. Most of the increases are related to the hiring of a new full-time officer.

TM Broadbent added that some of the increased costs could be offset by the recommended discontinuation of the call-a-bus program. Ms. Goodwin explained there has been a sharp decline in demand for transportation and if requests come in the code vehicle is used. The Town's bus has been transferred to the City of Greenbelt, which has spent considerable funds on maintenance and repair to keep it in service.

In response to questions, TM Broadbent said Greenbelt is not transporting any Berwyn Heights residents but has returned the bus for Berwyn Heights Day and to allow Town organizations to use it. Ms. Goodwin said the uniform appropriation covers 3 sets of embroidered shirts, pants and appropriate shoes.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, commented that usage may have declined because the bus was in bad shape. The bus might still be useful for transporting school children across busy Kenilworth Avenue. MPT Papanikolas replied that students can ride the County's The Bus for free, if no school buses are available.

Police Department: Chief Antolik presented the Police Department's budget enhancement requests.

- \$50,800 increase in capital projects line item to purchase a new hybrid police vehicle and replace one of the older vehicles.
- \$5,000 for new language pay benefit for the Department's two Spanish

speaking employees. Their services are in great demand to assist the Town's increasing Latino population. The benefit is offered in several neighboring municipalities and would help retain valuable Berwyn Heights employees.

- \$2,000 increase in the uniforms line to purchase 2 ballistic vests and new uniforms for police aides. May be offset in part by a grant.
- \$12,000 increase in the capital projects line to purchase a new handheld radio, in-vehicle radio and in-vehicle rugged laptop for the additional officer.
- \$2,700 increase in locality pay for an additional officer who lives within 5 miles of the Town.
- \$1,293 increase in salary line to fund one standard promotion to Pfc after successful completion of 1-year probationary period.

In response to questions, TM Broadbent said that setting up a vehicle replacement reserve for police vehicles would cost the same amount than purchasing them outright every year. Her recommendation is to start funding replacement whenever a new vehicle is purchased. Chief Antolik said BHPD has switched to purchasing more expensive all-wheel drive SUVs to carry all the gear an officer needs. Language pay would only be offered to Spanish speaking employees, but not employees speaking any other languages. Approximately 55% of calls for service are from Spanish speaking residents. Language pay is one way to remain competitive with neighboring jurisdictions.

Chief Antolik said that the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Committee (NW/EP) requires no increase in funding in FY 2021. The allotted \$3,500 budget will be used in part to recruit new members and distribute informative literature. The emergency trailer is not equipped to respond to any medical emergencies such as an epidemic.

Homeowners Tax Credit program budget transfer: TM Broadbent explained that 6 residents have submitted applications for the Town's Homeowners Tax Credit Program (HTC) and 4 are eligible. The credit per applicant turned out to be approximately \$150 or approximately \$700 in total. The Council deferred funding the program until the applications were received, a definitive amount known, and possible unspent money became available. Staff proposes to transfer the money needed from the *Code Salaries* to the *Mayor & Council Miscellaneous* line item. The Council will be asked to adopt an ordinance to amend this year's budget to fund the HTC credit.

In discussion, CM Dewey said she understood that the Council would appropriate a

given sum during the budget process and fund credits at the 10% level on a first come first serve basis rather than dividing up the money to all who apply. The first year would be the test run to get a sense of how much money is needed. TM Broadbent said there are number of ways of funding the program. Budgeting upfront would remove the flexibility to fund, or not fund the program from year to year, depending on the availability of funds. The HTC Ordinance authorizes the Town to give a credit but does not obligate it.

MML convention hotel: The Council authorized Clerk Harper to make reservations for a hotel convenient to the convention center, as the Council's preferred hotel was sold out.

Welcome sign committee: TM Broadbent said she would like further guidance from the Council on how to proceed. CM Dewey said she and the Council did not have the time to assemble and supervise another committee, given their involvement with the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force and the Town survey. She also believes that there may not be enough volunteers to sign up for another committee. Previously, two types of signs were proposed: an electronic sign that could display announcements and a more traditional wooden sign from which announcements could be hung, the latter being recommended by the Quality of Life Commission.

Clerk Harper suggested to check with the ATHA/Maryland Milestones about sign designs and vendors, as this organization produces many signs. She was asked to contact ATHA to obtain a few different designs as well as price ranges to help the Council narrow down options. TM Broadbent said deciding where the signs should go may be more difficult because they would have to be in the Town right-of-way. Phil Ventura suggested putting up temporary signs with different designs in the intended locations to give people an idea what they may look like and invite comments.

Verizon franchise negotiations authority: TM Broadbent said the Town has been asked to redo a resolution to authorize joining with I-Net to negotiate the Verizon franchise agreement using different language. Clerk Harper added that I-Net attorneys have asked to designate Prince George's County and its municipalities as the negotiating parties, not I-Net itself. The Council had no objections to placing the revised resolution on the next Town meeting agenda.

3. Minutes

The Council reviewed the January 8 Town meeting minutes to be adopted at

the next Town meeting.

4. Department Reports

MPT Papanikolas said he is looking forward to hearing who will attend the February 12 pre-bid meeting for the Town Hall architectural & engineering study. CM Sweep announced that the street sweeper will be in Town the week of February 17. CM Osmond reported that the new Code officer has started to work.

CM Dewey announced an upcoming Valentines party, a climate change workshop, and another team trivia night. Students between 8th and 11th grade are encouraged to apply to a youth leadership academy in Washington D.C., which prepares high school students for work in international development field. The 4-day training session in July costs only \$100 and there are scholarships to cover the remainder. Interested students should contact her for more information.

TM Broadbent reported she plans to bring in a professional to make an assessment of the Town Center's mechanical systems, which are showing their age. Once she has a better sense of the cost of repairs, she will present the Council with a budget transfer request. Administration is still looking for a reasonably-priced contractor to finish painting the Town office and Senior Center.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the upcoming schedule. No changes were made.

6. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura said one of his neighbors was burning brush all day in his back yard, which is against the law. He did not want to call in the fire department but suggested the Town might consider educational initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Town Meeting February 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Jeffrey Jay Osmond, and Ethan Sweep. Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Officer Leon Scales, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Election Judge appointees Sharmila Bhatia, Laura Bower, Lee Fuerst, Debby Steele Snyder and Tracy O'Heir, Frances Armistead and family, and citizens.

1. Proclamation Honoring Former Mayor William T. Armistead

Mayor Isler welcomed Frances Armistead, wife of former Mayor Bill Armistead, Paul & Barbara Armistead, Carol & Bob Lavoit, Linda Armistead and Don Armistead, who were present to accept the honors. Mayor Isler read the proclamation. There ensued

applause to acknowledge the 26 years of service of Mayor Armistead on the Berwyn Heights Town Council.

2. Swearing-in of Officer Leon Scales

Mayor Isler welcomed the Scales family and swore in Officer Scales. Chief Antolik saluted Officer Scales. There ensued applause welcoming Officer Scales to Berwyn Heights. Officer Scales thanked the Town for giving him the opportunity to serve. He was formerly with the City of Greenbelt police and this feels much like home to him.

3. Appointment & Swearing-in of Board of Election Supervisors

Mayor Isler said the Council has interviewed the seven applicants to the Board of Election Supervisors at the January 24 worksession and will appoint and swear them in tonight. CM Dewey moved and CM Sweep seconded to appoint Sharmila Bhatia, Laura Bowers, Lee Fuerst, Sharon McCraney, Paul McNulty, Tracy O'Heir and Debby Steele Snyder. The motion was approved 4 to 0.

Mayor Isler first swore in Sharmila Bhatia as Chief Election Judge and then Laura Bowers, Lee Fuerst, Tracy O'Heir and Debby Steele Snyder as Election Judges. Sharon McCraney and Paul McNulty were unable to come tonight and will be sworn in later.

4. Approval of Minutes

CM Sweep moved, and CM Dewey seconded to approve the January 8, 2020 Town meeting minutes. The motion passed 3-0-1, with Mayor Isler abstaining.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Isler reported that the Council and staff are busy working on the FY 2021 budget and are preparing for the upcoming Town Council election. Residents are encouraged to register to vote not only in the Town Council election on May 5th but also in the presidential primaries, which will take place in Maryland on April 28th. Residents are requested to be careful driving as outside activity increases with warmer weather.

6. Department Reports

Mayor Isler asked for a motion to receive all department reports for the record. CM Dewey so moved. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Administration: There was no report from MPT Papanikolas, who was ill. TM Broadbent reported that the Administration Department is working on the FY 2021 budget. At the next worksession another set of budget enhancement requests will be presented. The budget workshop is scheduled for March 28. Two reputable firms attended this morning's

mandatory pre-bid meeting for an architectural and engineering study of Town Hall to determine if it can accommodate a police station.

Code Compliance: CM Osmond said a recently hired second code officer started to work.

Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs:

CM Dewey encouraged everyone to register to vote as the Maryland primary and Town Council election will occur back to back. The Town offers voting by absentee ballots, available at the Town office, which allows residents to vote anytime between April 6 and May 4. TM Broadbent added that she is planning 2 orientation sessions for Council candidates prior to the election. She will cover such topics as municipal forms of government and functions of the Town's departments.

Public Works: CM Sweep announced that the street sweeper will be in Town the coming week.

Police Department:

Mayor Isler welcomed Officer Scales on board. Residents who are interested in learning more about how the Police functions may contact Chief Antolik about a visit to the police station and ride-alongs.

7. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dewey reported that the Education Advisory Committee will next meet on February 24 and continues to invite comments and questions about education related matters. The Committee is also preparing to participate in Census Day on April 1 with an evening event featuring civics lessons on our government and elections. They will provide assistance with voter registration and offer refreshments. Committee members can be reached by emailing thebheac@gmail.com.

Green Team: CM Dewey announced a February 16 climate leadership workshop entitled "Drawdown", which focuses on positive and practical approaches to addressing climate change. The Green Team will also resume its monthly Town cleanups starting on Saturday, March 21, which will be kicked off with a plant and seed swap at 9 a.m.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper reported that the Historical Committee is working on arranging for a speaker to come out for a spring reception. The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: There was no report.

Recreation Council: Angie Wolfinger gave the report. She announced a February 21 Team Trivia Night co-hosted with the Movie Club and featuring movies and entertainment as a theme. A Pot 'o Gold Potluck is scheduled for March 14, 5 p.m., and Berwyn Heights Day is on May 2. Town clubs and committees are invited to participate in the parade with a float, entertainment or decorated bicycle. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top 3 entries.

8. Unfinished Business

There was none.

9. New Business

Presentation of Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force Report: WBBH Co-chairs James Wilkinson and Drew Carlisle presented the recommendations of the Committee to make Berwyn Heights more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Committee members Stephanie Young and Alex Lopatka were also present. Mr. Wilkinson said the report contains recommendations to improve 10 areas where automobile, pedestrian and bicycle traffic are in conflict, as well as a set of recommendations that would apply Town-wide.

The WBBH recommendations were developed with input received on Hello Huskies Night, in resident emails and from committee members. They include not only relatively inexpensive common-sense solutions, but also 'reach for the sky' solutions that would require long term planning and greater expense. Among these are pedestrian bridges across Greenbelt Road to reach Beltway Plaza and across Kenilworth Avenue to reach Friends School and Greenbelt Park, as well as an accessible entrance on the backside of Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES). The School's back entrance is slated to be rebuilt within the next couple of years and Beltway Plaza will undergo a major transformation within the next 2-5 years, creating opportunities for implementing some of the more visionary ideas of the WBBH.

Drew Carlisle explained a proposal to create a 'Neighborhood Greenway' along Seminole Street which would prioritize non-motorized traffic using signage and new traffic patterns. The Greenway is intended to safely connect Town parks and playgrounds, regional hiker/ biker trails and the commercial district along Greenbelt Road by preventing motorized through traffic on Seminole Street, except for those who live there.

CM Dewey moved and CM Sweep seconded to receive the WBBH final report. The motion passed 4 to 0. CM Dewey, who attended the Task Force meetings,

thanked all Task Force members for working very hard to put together the recommendations. She noted an upcoming webinar by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) on funding opportunities for pedestrian and bicycle projects and suggested Task Force members participate and remain involved in the possible implementation of WBBH proposals. The redevelopment of Beltway Plaza provides an opportunity to reimagine the Greenbelt Road corridor and for the Town to proactively influence the changes. CM Dewey also requested the WBBH to put their recommendations in spreadsheet format for tracking purposes. In discussion, the following points were made:

- Pedestrian bridges must be user-friendly to fulfill their purpose and will likely require coordination with State and local agencies for construction and maintenance.
- A pedestrian bridge over Greenbelt Road has been brought to the State's attention on multiple occasions, including with respect to Greenbelt Middle School students.
- WBBH recommendations represent a shift in perspective that seeks to equalize the role of pedestrians and bicyclists in relationship to motorists.
- The report will be made available on the Town website for easy access.

Ordinance 177-7 – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY20 Budget Amendment to Purchase Mobile Speed Monitors:

Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. CM Dewey explained that this budget amendment re-appropriates funds to purchase 2 small speed monitors. They replace a large monitor that was purchased with last year's funds and has since been returned to the vendor without charge because it does not meet the Police Department's needs. A formal public hearing will be held prior to adoption at the next Town meeting. CM Sweep moved, and CM Osmond seconded to introduce Ordinance 177-7. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Ordinance 177-8 – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY20 Budget Amendment for Homeowners Tax Credit:

Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. TM Broadbent explained this is the first year the Town is awarding this tax credit which is based on eligibility for the State's Homeowner's Tax Credit (HTC) program. The Council decided to wait with appropriating funding until after it had received applications to see if there was slack elsewhere in the budget to cover the expense. Six residents applied and four proved eligible for a total cost of \$700. The budget amendment transfers money from the Code Department's to the Mayor & Council's budget to pay the credit.

CM Dewey said when the Council adopted the HTC program it initially set a \$1,000 limit which it planned to distribute to applicants on a first come first served basis. The Council decided to wait with appropriating money until it had a better idea how many residents would apply, then set a limit based on this year's number in the FY 2021 budget. CM Osmond moved and CM Sweep seconded to introduce Ordinance 177-8. The motion passed 4 to 0.

1 Resolution 1-2020 – Verizon Franchise Negotiations:

Clerk Harper read the Resolution. TM Broadbent said this is do-over of a Resolution adopted in November 2019, which has some language changes. Clerk Harper added that the I-Net coalition, of which Berwyn Heights is a member, requested the language change: it designates Prince George's County and its municipalities as the negotiating party, not I-Net itself. CM Dewey moved to adopt the Resolution. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

State Legislation: CM Dewey asked the Council to consider supporting several pieces of legislation introduced in the State legislature.

1. Community Choice Energy: a bill that would allow a municipality to designate a default energy provider other than Pepco. Berwyn Heights residents can still choose Pepco or any other supplier, but if they don't make a choice the default supplier would be one designated by the Town based on pricing and/or green energy content. Delegate Healy is a sponsor on the bill.
2. Plastic Bag Reduction Bills: one bill authorizes Prince George's County to impose a fee for use of plastic bags, sponsored by the entire Prince George's delegation; another bill prohibits distribution of plastic bags statewide, sponsored by all 3 delegates representing Berwyn Heights.
3. MTA Funding: a bill requiring appropriate funding for the Maryland Transit Authority to provide a reliable public transit alternative to individual car use. Delegate Healey is a sponsor.
4. Toll Roads: a bill prohibiting construction of toll roads in the County without authorization by County law, sponsored by the entire Prince George's County delegation.

There ensued some discussion. CM Osmond and Mayor Isler expressed concern about the possible impact on jobs if fees were levied both on plastic

and paper bags and about how the money collected from fees on plastic bags would be spent. CM Dewey and CM Sweep expressed support for both pieces of legislation. CM Dewey clarified that Pepco will remain the electricity distributor in this region, even if a different supplier is chosen and that the Community Energy Choice bill would make it easier for people to choose a renewable energy supplier by default than to do research to find one.

CM Dewey moved, and CM Osmond seconded for the Council to write letters of support for the community choice energy, MTA funding and toll roads bills. The motion passed 4 to 0.

10. Citizen Discussion

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, commented he would rather see a ban of plastic bags instead of fee because recyclers have given up on recycling them. He does not support a fee on paper bags but instead a requirement for them to have a certain amount of recycled paper content. Mr. Ventura further asked if the WBBH will continue to exist because he would like to ask them questions about the report. CM Dewey replied the authorizing Resolution states that their term ends with the delivery of the report, but she hopes the members will remain engaged and help with identifying funding sources and other things.

James Wilkinson, Pontiac Street, said that the WBBH members are willing to remain engaged and continue to educate residents on the various proposals. They were contemplating a having a booth for Berwyn Heights Day and possibly other events and are open to work with the Council if it so chooses.

Jodie Kulpa Eddy, Ruatan Street, thanked the Council for instituting a Homeowners' Tax Credit because last years property taxes went up a lot. She recommended advertising the HTC's availability and set aside a sufficient amount to cover likely applications. Ms. Kulpa Eddy further recommended continuing to enforce egress windows from basement rooms and smoke detectors. In New Carrollton a person recently died in a fire because there was no way to get out. Lastly, Pepco contractors are in Town again notifying homeowners about tree trimming around power lines. Supposedly, they will only perform only light trimming, but she will be around to watch when they prune. She encouraged others to talk to them and find what they are planning to do.

Mr. Ventura suggested the Town ask Pepco when they are here to take down a dead oak tree in his neighbor's yard. TM

Broadbent said she will have a look at it

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Worksession February 24, 2020

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Ethan Sweep, and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. CM Osmond arrived 15 minutes late due to traffic. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Public Works Supervisor Luis Cardenas, Assistant to the Town Manager (TMA) Yvonne Odoi, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Lindsey & Associates President Bob Diss, Boys & Girls Club President Brandon Batton and citizens.

1. Announcements

Mayor Isler announced that Officer Krouse saved a man's life who was about to commit suicide by jumping off the Beltway overpass at Cherrywood Lane on February 18. Officer Krouse had responded to Cherrywood Lane to back up a Prince George's County officer already at the scene. When the man threatened to jump, Officer Krouse pulled him down from the fencing. Mayor Isler commended Officer Krouse for this act of heroism and dedication to duty.

CM Sweep noted that people in distress or people who know someone who is thinking about taking his life can contact a national suicide prevention hotline 1-800-273-8255. CM Dewey thanked Officer Krouse for his service and everything the police are doing every day to help the community. She also announced a February 25 meeting of the College Park City Council where recent removals of hundreds of trees at the disc golf course on Paint Branch Parkway will be discussed.

2. Discussion Items

Investment Policy: TM Broadbent said tonight's presentation on investment policy seeks to identify creative options for investing the Town's savings to earn better interest rates. However, any type of new investment must accord with the Town's investment policy, which was adopted in the mid-1990s. For tonight's discussion, the Council has been provided an updated investment policy based on the City of Berlin's, MD and GFOA's policies. The Town's auditor, Lindsey & Associates' President Bob Diss, is present to discuss investment policy generally and options available to Berwyn Heights.

Mr. Diss said he has checked applicable law that defines what a municipality is allowed to invest in. State law allows only 8 types of investments, such as Treasury bonds, Certificates of Deposits or the Mar-

yland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP) and has strict diversification requirements. He has also checked investment policies of several municipalities, which tend to be shorter than the updated Berwyn Heights policy. Either the Town's proposed policy or a shorter sample policy he provided would be fine.

TM Broadbent asked whether sweep accounts, whereby a bank automatically transfers idle cash into a safe but higher interest-earning investment option at the close of each business day, such as a money market fund, would be within the confines of federal and state law. The Town's bank last year discussed this option with the Council. Mr. Diss said he has not seen a policy that covers this investment type but recommends checking with the bank itself to find out what type of accounts the cash is invested and that it meets legal requirements.

CM Dewey thought a shorter policy would leave more flexibility for different types of investments. TM Broadbent said investment is not her expertise and recommended trying to establish a group of qualified residents who might be interested in advising the Town. Such a group would not have to meet more than once a year. The Council agreed to attempt to recruit residents for an investment group in the Bulletin. TM Broadbent will draft a notice and continue to work on the investment policy.

FY 2021 budget enhancements: TM Broadbent explained that this continues the presentation of budget enhancement requests from Departments and Town Organizations which started at the last worksession. The Council is requested to give feedback on whether a given funding request is to be included in the FY 2021 proposed budget. A list of all enhancement requests is provided in the agenda packet.

Administration: TMA Odoi presented the following funding requests:

- + \$1,040 for 8 conference chairs for the G. Love Room.
- + \$2,000 to replace worn stacking and folding chairs for the Town Center 2nd floor.
- + \$2,700 to replace broken built-in stove in the Senior Center kitchen.
- + \$14,000 for custodial services of Town Hall, Town Center, Police Station and Public Works building. A request for bids has been advertised and 2 proposals were received.

The Senior Center oven replacement was assigned top priority, followed by conference room chairs and folding

chairs. Folding chairs may be taken up in the next budget. The custodial services contract renews annually but has been rolled over for the last 3 years. Rebidding of contract helps keeps cost down and quality up.

Clerk Harper presented the following funding requests:

- + \$38,100 for upgrading the Berwyn Heights cable TV broadcast to high definition.
- + \$9,000 for codification of the Town charter and ordinances.
- + \$1,000 annually for supplementation of code and online hosting and licensing.

Upgrading broadcasts to HD would require replacing all video related components of the system. Funding would come from the Town's cable reserve, which is restricted to BHTV expenses. Codification would systematically organize the Town's code by subject matter into chapters and sections, making searches for specific regulations easier. A web-hosted code would be more accessible, easier to search, and could include legislative history of particular legislation. No funding decision was made.

Treasurer Rodriguez presented the following funding requests:

- + \$800 for audit services for total cost of \$13,750.
 - + \$34,000 in Maryland State Pension contributions for total cost of \$140,000, due to an increase in employer contribution rate to 9.8%.
- Estimated + \$34,935 for employee health insurance for total cost of \$183,600 due to anticipated rate increase. Health insurance is through the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), and comprises health, dental and vision insurance for an estimated 15 employees, including future employees in currently vacant positions. When available, Council would like to know what portion of this increase is due to rate increase and what portion of increase is due to more employees covered.
- + \$600 in Mayor & Council Miscellaneous appropriation to pay for spay & neuter services of feral cats, per request by CM Dewey. CM Dewey explained this is an effort to reduce feral cat colonies in Town and reimburse residents who are already doing this of their own accord. The Town could partner with local non-profits to keep the cost down. The cost of a bare bones spay/neuter procedure is roughly \$60, and less in some cases. CM Dewey said she can provide a description of

the proposed program prior to budget adoption.

Public Works: Foreman Luis Cardenas & TM Broadbent presented the following budget requests:

- + \$3,700 to replace a worn outdoor storage tent with storage shipping container. The shed houses canopies, tables, chairs for events and riding mowers.
- + \$9,112 to replace overhead doors in Public Works storage building, which cannot be repaired anymore. The building houses landscaping and snow-blowing equipment as well as paints, oil, ice melt, etc.
- + \$2,675 to replace ceiling insulation in storage building. The insulation was put up by staff and is falling off the ceiling. Council requested to obtain estimate for spray foam insulation.
- + \$10,000 - \$110,000 for a new initiative proposed by CM Dewey to collect compost (food waste) through a contract vendor. Options range from self-pay by residents, to drop-off, to full curbside collection paid by Town. Vendor is working with City of College Park and other municipalities as well as companies in the greater Washington area. The City of Hyattsville's has started a program, in which yard waste and compost are collected together and processed at the County's facility on Richie Road. Greenbelt is considering a compost collection program as well and is open to partnering with other municipalities.
- + \$50,530 to purchase new F350 dump truck per vehicle replacement schedule.
- + \$6,000 for snowplow and salt spreader for the above truck, not currently on the vehicle replacement schedule. Mr. Cardenas said a salt spreader is difficult to add to this truck.
- + \$199,000 to replace 2016 Freightliner refuse truck, plus radio and antenna, per vehicle replacement schedule. The Town needs 3 trucks in good working order to perform all refuse and recycling collections.
- + \$103,810 to replace leaf vacuum machine, scheduled to be replaced in FY 2018. TM Broadbent said leaf vacuuming is hard on equipment and leads to frequent breakdowns, as happened this season. It is an expensive way to collect leaves and many cities have abandoned it, asking residents to bag their leaves instead. Mr. Cardenas said the current leaf vacuum has a

new motor now and could last for another 2 years. All Public Works vehicles undergo regular preventative maintenance checkups, including the vacuum.

- + \$250,000 for the next phase of road repairs to stay on schedule. Funding will come from Highway User Revenues (HUR) and the Town's road tax.
- + \$30,000 for improvements proposed by the Walkable, Bikeable Task Force (WBBH) to be funded from the infrastructure reserve containing \$621,000. This could include speed tables, signage and road markings among other things. Council may consider piggybacking onto an Edmonston Road sidewalk project the City of College Park is planning.

Police Department-Neighborhood Watch: NW/EP Chair Mike Attick and Cpl. Krouse presented.

- \$5,914 to replace the current NW/EP trailer with an aluminum enclosed 7'x14' trailer to be paid from the NW/EP trailer reserve, which contains ca. \$12,300.

Mr. Attick said he has not drafted an FY 2021 budget for his committee yet but plans to ask for the same amount as last year. He would like to purchase 2 AED units plus training and some giveaways. TM Broadbent said the NW/EP budget should be reviewed by the Police Department first. The trailer reserve has ample funds to replace the old trailer which stores emergency supplies. She questions whether a new trailer is needed since NW/EP has had difficulty recruiting new members, maintaining the trailer and keeping an up-to-date inventory.

CM Sweep said he recently toured the trailer with Cpl. Krouse, who thinks the trailer has many things that are potentially useful, but they could be stored in a smaller, more maneuverable trailer, such as the one specified in the budget request. Cpl. Krouse confirmed the presence of useful supplies, but he would add a generator and backup battery to ensure there is light and power in an emergency.

Mayor Isler said a trailer would only be useful if it is maintained and asked whether that can be guaranteed. Perhaps a vendor could be hired to perform regular maintenance on the trailer. TM Broadbent said, with the reorganization of the NW/EP last year, the Committee was given responsibility for the upkeep and should use its budget to do that. She has not received any requisitions for NW/EP purchases this year. MPT Pa-

panikolas said he is not opposed to replacing the trailer and associated equipment but would like to see a plan to reinvigorate the Committee with it. Mr. Attick was advised to discuss trailer equipment and supplies with Chief Antolik and draft a budget for the next year. The trailer will be added to the proposed budget as an enhancement and added to the police vehicles replacement reserve.

Police Department - vehicle replacement reserve: TM Broadbent provided the Council with a hypothetical replacement reserve for police vehicles. It would set aside 1/7th of the price of a new vehicle in the reserve each year so that it can be replaced after seven years. New vehicles would be gradually added to the reserve going forward. To date, only the most recently purchased police vehicle has been added to the replacement schedule. Setting up a reserve for the entire existing fleet would cost over \$400,000. Whether and to what extent to fund this reserve is something the Council may want to consider when finalizing the FY 2021 budget.

Police Department – vehicle purchase: Chief Antolik presented a vehicle replacement request for a 2008 Chevy Suburban. The Suburban was donated to BHPD by the Secret Service for solving a fraud case at the SECU bank. It is used mostly in special circumstances, such as heavy rains or snow and to drive guests. The vehicle has relatively low mileage and could fetch a respectable resale price.

- + \$82,000 for a Ford Expedition Max special services police vehicle, plus outfitting.

Town Organizations – BHES PTA: TM Broadbent provided a document from the BHES PTA clarifying the budget request made at the previous worksession.

- + \$2,800 for Mobile Science Lab and Maryland Zoo programs requested by the PTA.
- + \$3,600 for Imagination Stage and Bladensburg Waterfront field trips requested by BHES.

Boys & Girls Club: BGC President Brandon Batton presented the Boys & Girls Club budget request, which is less than last year's because the Public Works Department is performing maintenance of the field and comfort station.

- + \$1,500 for liability insurance.
- + \$800 for MSYSA injury insurance.
- + \$300 for marketing materials.

Green Team: CM Dewey presented the

- budget request for the Green Team, which totals \$3,000.
- + \$1,250 for events, workshops and outings.
- + \$750 for children's summer environmental program.
- + \$500 for promotional materials.
- + \$500 for obtaining Bee City USA certification.

Fees & Fines: TM Broadbent said it is proposed to raise the notary fee from \$1 to \$2 per page notarized. The Council would authorize the new fee with adoption of a comprehensive fee & fine schedule.

Ordinance 177-9 Budget transfer for Town Center improvements: TM Broadbent explained that the Town Center maintenance & repair appropriation was overspent this year because expensive repairs had to be made to an automatic door closer in the Senior Center and the heating system. New carpeting for the Senior Center is also planned. It is proposed to transfer \$11,000 from the Code Department's salary line item, which has unspent money because of a vacancy, to the Town Center maintenance & repairs line item. Ordinance 177-9 would amend the FY 2020 budget to authorize the change. Further, it is proposed the Council introduce and adopt this Ordinance at the same March 11 Town meeting.

Resolution 2-2020 Creating Administrative Manager position in Public Works Department: TM Broadbent explained the Town has not been able to fill the Public Works Director position vacant since the retirement of Kenneth Hall. The low unemployment rate and demand for this type of qualification make it unlikely this position will be filled soon. Creating the administrative manager position allows for hiring a manager responsible for business side of the operation, such as budgeting, personnel, and purchasing, while continuing to search for a director. It also allows to plan for succession in the event of future retirements and resignations and to have an additional leadership position in the Department. This resolution will be up for adoption at the March 11 Town meeting.

Census Day staffing: CM Dewey said the Council has set aside April 1 to assist residents with completing the Census using the computers in the G. Love Room. She asked if Councilmembers can be present during the day to help. Between 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., the Education Advisory Committee will be there to help with the Census and voter registration, while offering civic lessons and refreshments. CM Sweep offered to be present in the morning and MPT Papanikolas in the afternoon. Town office staff may

serve as backup for periods when no one is there.

4. Minutes

CM Dewey moved and CM Sweep seconded to approve the January 27 worksession minutes. The motion passed 5 to 0. CM Dewey moved and CM Osmond seconded to approve the February 3 worksession minutes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

5. Department Reports

CM Dewey reported that she attended the last PGCMa meeting in Greenbelt and congratulated volunteers on a packed-house Team Trivia Night hosted by the Recreation Council and Movie Club. She also announced upcoming meetings and the March 3 candidate filing deadline. TM Broadbent added she plans to hold a couple of orientation sessions for candidates tentatively scheduled for March 9 and 23 at 7:00 p.m.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the upcoming schedule. The schedule was corrected to add April 13 to the PGCPs' Easter vacation.

7. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, suggested the Council consider looking for a Public Works Director with more practical skills, who knows how to fix things rather than someone with only managerial experience. He was informed that the position of a supervisor of operations already exists could be filled by someone with practical skills.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Signed: Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



MINUTOS DE REUNIONES DEL CONSEJO EN ESPAÑOL

El sitio web de Town of Berwyn Heights ahora se puede ver en diferentes idiomas usando Google Translate. Haga clic en el cuadro "Seleccionar idioma" junto al cuadro "Buscar" y elija su idioma.

Los Minutos de las reuniones del Consejo pueden encontrar en la página de inicio haciendo clic en el botón "Minutos y Agendas" en el Centro de Acción Ciudadana.

www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutos/2019

BERWYN HEIGHTS SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Town of Berwyn Heights is announcing a new program to support students as they pursue opportunities for summer learning and enrichment. The Town will award a small number of scholarships of up to \$500 to students with financial need who are participating in summer programs that contribute to their educational and career goals. Examples can include academic camps, leadership programs, or study abroad opportunities.



Students will be expected to provide an update to the Council after the completion of their program, and they will be recognized on Berwyn Heights Day!

To apply submit the following items to the Berwyn Heights Town Office at 5700 Berwyn Rd or via email to adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov:

- A paper application of no more than two pages including a description of the program, cost information, and an essay written by the student outlining how participation in the program would benefit their educational and career goals
- Proof of eligibility for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals. Another statement of financial need may be accepted with justification.

Applications are due by April 15th!



Hello from the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

All school events and operations are temporarily on hold. For updates, see the school website <https://www1.pgcps.org/berwynheights/>

During school closures, children can pick up meals from 10 am to 1 pm at designated meal sites, including nearby Springhill Lake Elementary @ 6060 Springhill Drive, Greenbelt. For more information, see <https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus/meal-sites/>



Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

CANCELLED: Berwyn Heights Day | Easter Egg Roll
Due to COVID-19 State of Emergency.

STAY TUNED for summer concert series.



POSTPONED until further notice: Recreation Council meetings.

Please visit www.berwynheightsmd.gov
for updates on the emergency.

MEETINGS normally held first Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm.
All are welcome!

IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS FOR EVENTS?

but cannot make the meetings.
Email Susan at violindreams@verizon.net

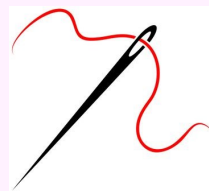


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For more information, contact
Sensei Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103
(Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com) or
Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881



**Needle Arts Society
Meetings Cancelled
until further notice
due to CoVID-19**

Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road.

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What to do in these uncertain times ???

This pandemic is a very real thing and social distancing is necessary to "flatten the curve". We all must do what we can to minimize transmitting or catching the virus. There are more questions than answers at this time. Stay occupied, there are many things we can do around home, but above all keep an optimistic outlook. I am also writing this on Mar 16 when April's bulletin is due. So now at April 1st, let's hope it's a bit better and that we are settling in to our new temporary normal. First try to think of these acts of social isolation, limited movement, etc as acts of love and not sacrifice. Try to live in the moment and try not worry about what if. Spend quality time with family, clean up the yard, get out board games, face time friends, clean out drawers and rooms, read. If you can, drop off groceries for those who cannot get out. So many things we can do, instead of those things we can't. Stay strong, stay positive... I am here and if any elderly town residents need groceries please reach out. So be safe, be calm and as my grandmother used to say "This too shall pass". Also, I'll continue to evaluate our market as we move forward, and I'll keep you updated. As always, I'm here for any of your real estate questions – give me a call or send me an email.

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Under Contract-5900 Tecumseh St 3 BR Rambler w/addition.

Active- 15 A Laurel Hill Rd Greenbelt (GHI) \$154,900.

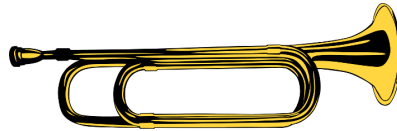
Reduced- 8513 Cunningham Dr 4BR 2 BA Rambler \$324,900.

New Listing- 8912 56th Av 3BR 2 BA rambler w/addition \$359,900

Coming Soon- 8715 62nd Av Open floor plan 3 BR Rambler \$344,900.

If your property is currently listed with another broker, this is not a solicitation of that listing.





The Bugle

Congratulations to our soccer teams for a GREAT Winter Season!

Due to the CoVID-19 outbreak, all practices and games have been cancelled until further notice!

Please be on the lookout for information regarding the postponement/cancellation of spring soccer and track. We will keep members updated via email.

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club welcomes children of all skill levels and abilities and currently offers Track and Soccer Programs for ages 4 & up.

Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer? Meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday at 7pm in the Love Room. All are invited to attend.

Contact us at: info@berwynheightsbgc.org. Follow us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/berwynheightsbgc

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

MEETING: To be Announced

CHAIR: Mike Attick, Tel. 301-335-1633

FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

- **Be Aware of Floods:** Flooding is a nationwide threat throughout the year. It's important for everyone to understand their risk, take action to prepare and be an example. Driving through flooded roads is dangerous! Turn Around, Don't Drown!
- **Know Your Risk:** Understand the type of hazardous weather that can affect you where you live and be aware of your area's [flood map](#) to understand what areas are most likely to flood. Consider getting flood insurance. Even if your property has never flooded, it's important to at least investigate the cost of [flood insurance](#). Twenty percent of flood insurance claims come from properties located outside of designated high-risk flood zones. Find out how flood insurance can help and [what it covers](#) at <https://www.floodsmart.gov/>.
- **Take Action:** Make an evacuation plan in case of floods, build an emergency kit or update your existing kit. Keep important papers and valuables in a safe place.
- **Be an example where you live:** Be a Force of Nature by letting your family, friends and your community know what you did to become weather-ready and the steps they can take to do the same. You can begin by visiting [Community.fema.gov](https://www.Community.fema.gov)





Berwyn Heights GreenBee

The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!



Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com.

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

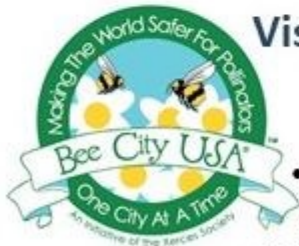
Our next meeting will be Thursday April 9th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

Town Clean Up Day! Saturday, April 18th 10am – 12pm

Take action as a proud Berwyn Heights resident and let's work together to keep our town beautiful and litter-free! Community service hours available.

Project Drawdown Review

- On Sunday, February 16, the Berwyn Heights Green Team hosted its first workshop on Project Drawdown, a comprehensive scientific study of 100 solutions that, together, could begin to reverse global warming by 2050.
- 34 participants from Berwyn Heights and neighboring communities came together for the two-hour workshop. They learned about Project Drawdown, discussed their reactions and priorities, and made plans for their next steps.
- Participants wrote that they enjoyed discussing the issue of global warming with their neighbors and expressed a desire to learn more about and get involved in solutions that the community can enact together.
- Residents who are interested in participating in a future workshop, in English or Spanish, may email the Berwyn Heights Green Team. Workshop options, designed by the Pachamama Alliance, include the single-session introduction as well as a five-session workshop about getting into action.



Visit the Green Team at Berwyn Heights Day!

Saturday, May 2nd

- Win a tree and sapling giveaways - supplies are limited
- Learn about our Summer Green Champions program
- Help NASA measure ice sheets with the GLOBE Observer app.
- Get involved in with our Bee City USA certification



SHADE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

In order to increase the tree canopy and to beautify our streetscape, the Town of Berwyn Heights is offering to plant shade trees in front of or beside resident's homes. Trees will be planted at no direct cost to the residents.

If you would like a tree planted along the curb, (in the public right-of-way), or on your property, (within twenty feet of the curb), please complete this form and return it to Town Hall, **no later than May 1st**.

If a tree is planted in the public-right-of way, it will be owned by the Town of Berwyn Heights and its long-term care will be the responsibility of the Town. If the tree is planted on the resident's property, the property owner must commit to keeping the tree for at least five years, and its long-term care will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Town staff will assess each requested location to determine if the location is suitable for the species of tree desired. Planting will not be done under powerlines or over underground utilities.

TREE PLANTING APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Are you the property owner? ____ Yes ____ No

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred planting location(s):

(List public or private property; provide/ attach sketch as needed; location will be confirmed prior to planting.)

Requested tree species (Optional):

I commit to caring for and monitoring the health of the tree(s) for a minimum of two years from the planting date. I will water 1-2 times a week as needed, maintain 2" of mulch (not touching trunk), pull weeds, keep mowers & string trimmers away and remove the stakes and straps after 1 year.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Only a limited number of trees are available. To reserve a tree, return this application to Town Hall at the mailing or email address listed below. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Broadbent, Town Manager at 301.474.5000.

Complete the section only if you are requesting a tree to be planted on private property

As the owner of the property located at _____, I give permission for the Town of Berwyn Heights to enter my property for the purpose of planting a tree(s). I understand that once installed the tree(s) is my property with all the rights and responsibilities it entails.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov



FEBRUARY INCIDENTS

Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 3:44 pm, 'ARMED SUBJECTS'

At approximately 3:44 pm, on 2/1/2020, Cpl. T. Hollowell was dispatched to the 58th Avenue at Goucher Drive for a report of an armed person. Cpl. Hollowell and assisting officers arrived in the area and observed suspects in the wood line matching the description given in the call. He was able to monitor the suspect as he entered the 2005 Hyundai Accent, 2dr, Maryland 2DX-9670, later identified as belonging to the arrestee. During a check of the arrestee, two (2) pellet guns resembling semiautomatic handguns, later determined to be pellet guns, were found. Subsequent to the arrest, during an examination of the vehicle, a large quantity of marijuana was located in the glove box. The arrested person was taken into custody and was taken to the Hyattsville Department of Corrections to be charged and processed. The arrested was released to the Department of Corrections for presentation to the District Court Commissioner.

Arrested: SAWTELLE, Nathan Alan, 21 Y/O, W/M of College Park, MD. Charges pending on the 19 Y/O, W/M.

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm, 'SWEARING-IN CEREMONY'

There are two times a badge is presented to an officer — the first upon graduating from the police academy and the second upon being promoted — and both are very exciting times. At the Town Meeting on February 12, 2020, Officer Leon Scales was sworn in by Mayor Stephen Isler as a regular member of the Berwyn Heights Maryland Police Department. Congratulations Officer Scales!

Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 3:50 pm, 'VANDALISM'

While on routine patrol in the 5500 blk., of Branchville Rd, this Officer discovered that the west side of the underpass had been vandalized by spray paint on the wall of the underpass, further investigation revealed the walls on the bridge prior to the underpass was also spray-painted with the same type of paint and color. Officer notified Berwyn Heights dept., of public works.

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 10:00 am, 'ATTEMPTED SUICIDE'

On February 18, 2020, Cpl. S. Krouse, assisted Prince George's County Police in a dispatch to an overpass of Interstate 495 near the Greenbelt Metro Subway Station. On scene, the found a man who was straddling on the edge of the fence on the

bridge. The man appeared to be "distracted and ready to jump." Maryland State Police and the BHPD were about to shut down both lanes of 495 in assisting with the incident. Cpl. Krouse sprang into action when the man made a move to jump, grabbed him by his leg and pulled him to safety. The subject was later taken by ambulance to the hospital for evaluation.

Friday, February 21, 2020 at 8:28 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 02/21/2020 at 8:28 am, Pvt. Scales was dispatched to US Fuel, located at 5901 Greenbelt Road, for a report of a theft from a motor vehicle. Upon his arrival, he met with the victim who advised that she was putting gas in her black, 2014 Kia Sedona, bearing DC registration EU5357, when an unknown subject stole her purse from the passenger side. Victim advised that she could not locate a potential suspect, due to the swiftness of the theft. Victim stated that her black Kooba Purse was stolen, along with items inside.

Friday, February 21, 2020 at 12:52 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 02/21/2020 at 12:52 pm, PVT. Scales met with the victim at the Berwyn Heights Police Department located for a theft from motor vehicle report. Victim advised that his white 2001 Chevrolet 3500 work truck bearing Maryland registration 1ED5178, had multiple items stolen from the rear door. The vehicle was parked at his home located at 6207 Ruatan Street. Stolen items were Bosch Jackhammer, Dewalt Chop Saw, and 2 Dewalt nail guns. The victim provided motion capture video surveillance via cellphone, which shows a dark, unknown make and model car equipped with a spotlight, passing through the neighborhood. The vehicle is seen slowing down and shining a spotlight towards the victim's vehicle and residence. The vehicle drives away, but the next captured moments on camera shows nothing.

Friday, February 21, 2020 at 6:15 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 02/21/2020 at approximately 6:15 PM Officer Rufino (1451) received a station call for a theft from an auto located at 8800 block of Seminole Street, Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Victim states that this morning at approximately 8:00 he discovered that his Ford pickup truck had been rifled through. The glove compartment was open and all items were on the floor and seat. He noticed that 4 of his work tools were also missing. The vehicle had no visible forced entry.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 8:00 am, 'ANIMAL CRUELTY'

On 02/21/2020 at 13:00 hours, the victim advised me that an unknown neighbor allegedly known to "poison" raccoons by putting out bowls filled with poisoned food. The victim who lives in the 6200 block of Ruatan Street, stated that her cat was found deceased, and strongly believed it was related to the "poison". The victim was instructed to email Det/ Cpl. Krouse, written statements to attach to the Police Report.

Monday, February 24, 2020 at 4:00 am, 'STOLEN AUTO'

On 2/24/2020 Cpl. Paul Roberson received a report from a Victim whose key to her 2019 Toyota Corolla car key was stolen from inside of her house at 6000 block of Pontiac Street.. At 4:30 A.M. the Toyota was stolen from in front of the house. Suspect known to the victim was visiting her at the time of theft. The suspect then contacted her and admitted that he took the Toyota. On 2/24/2020 the victim visited a District Court Commissioner and completed an Application for Statement of Charges.

A Warrant for Arrest 2E00711398 was issued for Mr. Timothy Halsey, 49, Y/O, W/M of Columbia, MZD on 2/24/2020.

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TOWN	53
WARNINGS	31
SERO	08
TOTAL	139

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April 6	Bertha Davies
April 9	Joe Morris
April 11	Eddie Daffron
April 19	Jodie Kulpa-Eddy
April 25	Martha Baxter

APRIL ACTIVITIES

CANCELLED: All regular Senior's Club activities due to COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Please check the Town website for updates on emergency and changes in Town operations.

*Couldn't let the day
roll by*

*Without a great big
Easter "Hi"*



Historical Committee



BHHC member Sharmila Bhatia attended the celebration of the installation of Harriett Tubman's and Frederick Douglass' statues in the State House in February. The BHHC has invited Maya Davis, a Maryland State Archives Research Archivist who helped bring this project to fruition, to speak at our spring reception. You can view a video clip of her commenting on the statues at the [Baltimore Sun website](https://www.baltimoresun.com/story/news/maryland/2020/03/10/harriet-tubman-frederick-douglass-statues-1707873000/).

Tentative Spring Reception

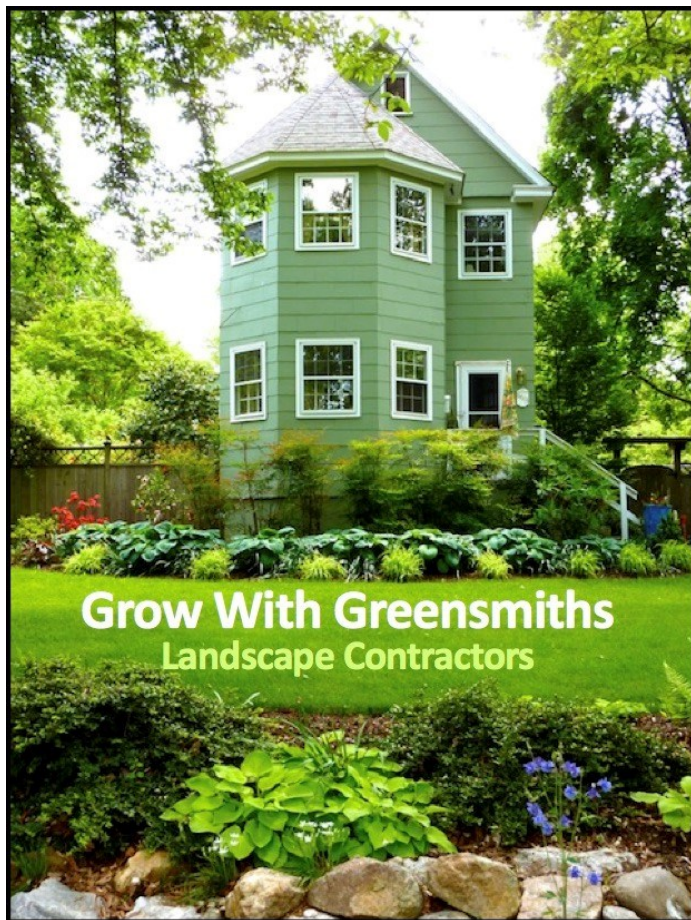
May 17 | 2:00 pm

- Guest Speaker - Maya Davis

NEXT MEETING (Tentative): MAY 27, 7:30 pm

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Recent Working Incidents

Feb 16th—Truck 14 was alerted to the 2100Blk of Rolander St in Adelphi for a House Fire. Units arrived to find a gas-fed fire and explosion. The volunteer crew conducted searches, provided ground ladders, and ventilated.

~~Feb 29th~~— Truck 14 was alerted to the 2400Blk of Queens Chapel Rd in Hyattsville to assist units on scene with a working Apartment Fire, on the 6th floor.

Feb 29th- Shortly after clearing an Apartment Fire in the 2400Blk of Queens Chapel Road, Truck 14 was alerted for a house fire just blocks away in the 2200Blk of Queens Chapel Road. Units arrived to find a working house fire, and the Truck crew went to work again, laddered the structure and conducted searches while removing bars from the windows.

March 3rd– Truck 14 was alerted to the 8500Blk of Springfield Drive in Glenn Dale for a building fire. Units arrived to find fire showing from a church. Truck 14 operated with Glenn Dale & Bowie VFDs to extinguish a heading unit inside a church.

March 8th— Truck 14 responded to the 11400Blk of Rosedale Ln in Beltsville for a reported house fire. Units arrived to find a fire on the exterior of the home that extended into the attic space. The volunteer crew of Truck 14 laddered, conducted searches, provided vertical ventilation, and assisted with overhaul. BHVFD operated for approximately 2 hours before returning in service.

March 10th—Truck 14 and Ambo 14 were alerted to 9014 Rhode Island Ave (Attick Towers) for an Apartment fire. Units arrived to find fire showing from the 6th floor. The Truck crew made entry and extinguished a fire on the balcony.

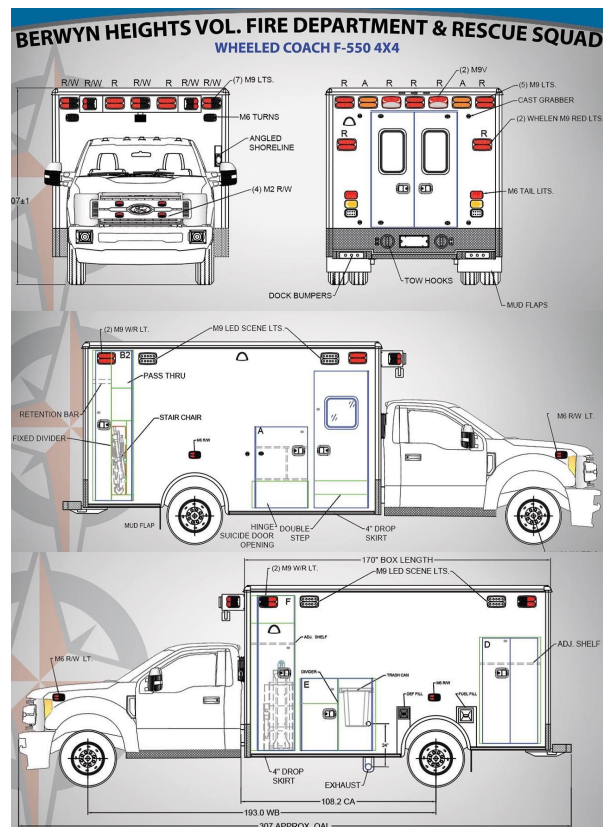
March 11th– Truck 14 & Ambulance 14 were alerted to the 5700Blk of Goucher Dr in Berwyn Heights for a reported House Fire. BHVFD arrived to find a malfunctioning stove with no extension. Units quickly cleared.

March 13th— Truck 14 & Ambulance 14 were alerted to the 5900Blk of Cherrywood Ln in Greenbelt for a reported Apartment Fire. BHVFD was first arriving and found a fire on the balcony with some extension to the apartment. Searches were negative and the fire was quickly extinguished.

March 14th— Squad 14B extricated a trapped driver from a overturned vehicle in the woods on the OL of I-495 prior to Baltimore Ave.

New Ambulance Coming to Berwyn Heights!

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department is proud to announce that we have entered into a contract with Atlantic Emergency Solutions to purchase a 2020 Ford F550/Wheeled Coach Type I Ambulance. Production is expected to start later this spring, with a tentative delivery date of late summer. This ambulance will serve primarily as a BLS unit but can be upgraded to an ALS unit as staffing permits. This unit will allow the Department to surplus our 2003 reserve ambulance. The new unit is being built to the County's specifications to allow for streamlined maintenance and familiarity within the County system. This nearly \$300,000 purchase was made possible by the continued support of our Fund Drive, Tree Sales, and the Town of Berwyn Heights, City of College Park, and the City of Greenbelt. Below are the order drawings:



BULLETIN BOARD

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Meals-on-Wheels needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

Need Yard Help? Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002.

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BERWYN HEIGHTS MOVIE CLUB

Due to the coronavirus health emergency, we have suspended our movie shows. We will return with our eclectic selection of movies after the emergency has ended.

**Normally we Show Free Movies Followed by Discussions
Every Sunday at 3:00 pm | Town Center - G. Love Room (Downstairs)**

For any questions please contact: bhmovieclub@gmail.com

Berwyn Heights Celebrates Arbor Day



TREE CITY USA®

Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board

Next meeting: April 9, 2020

but stay tuned

Contact: Amanda Dewey,

Maryland celebrates Arbor Day on April 1st. Consider planting trees to celebrate. Planting trees plants hope, cares for future generations, and our planet. Visit arborday.org to learn more.

First observed in 1872 in Nebraska and now in all 50 states, Arbor Day celebrates the importance of trees and promotes tree planting and care.

Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property's value. – USDA

The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-sized air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. – USDA

TREES OF DISTINCTION

The Trees of Distinction program wants to recognize and inspire appreciation for trees that are special to individuals and to the community as a whole. If you have a tree that is special to you or stands out, please nominate it to receive a *Trees of Distinction* award by filling out the form below e-mailing it to bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com or dropping it off at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road. Trees will receive awards in four categories: size and/or age; unusual growth habit or form; historical significance; and beauty or aesthetic value. Your tree may be on your personal property or in public space, but please do not nominate a neighbor's tree without their permission. However, we encourage you to reach out to neighbors and encourage them to nominate their amazing trees.

Trees can be nominated through the end of April. Submissions will be displayed on a poster at Berwyn Heights Day, on the town website, and on our local TV channel. Those who nominate trees are also invited to help us plant the symbolic Arbor Day tree at Berwyn Heights Day!

Name: _____ Contact Information (optional): _____

Nomination Category:

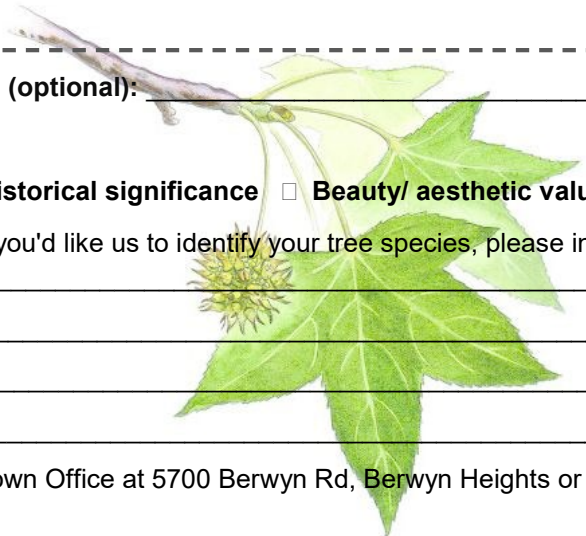
☐ Size and/or Age ☐ Unusual Growth Habit or Form ☐ Historical significance ☐ Beauty/ aesthetic value

What is the species of the tree are you nominating? (If you you'd like us to identify your tree species, please include more detailed photos of leaves, bark, etc.): _____

Location of Tree: _____

What makes it special to you and/or the community? _____

Please attach a photo of your tree to the form and return it to Town Office at 5700 Berwyn Rd, Berwyn Heights or email it to bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com.



2020 CENSUS

CENSO 2020

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a count of every resident in the United States and records basic information about them. The information is used to determine congressional representation, and how and where federal funds will be spent to build new schools, new clinics, new roads, and provide more services for families, older adults, and children.

The US Census Bureau has posted information about the [2020 Census](#) on the web, including sample [questionnaires](#), why the [Census matters](#) and how our [privacy](#) is protected. Here are some important dates to remember:

- **Mid-March:** every household in Berwyn Heights receives an invitation to respond to the census online or by phone.
- **Mid-April:** all households that have not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire.
- **Mid-May:** census takers will visit households that have not responded to collect the information.

Cada 10 años, la Oficina del Censo de los Estados Unidos realiza un recuento de cada residente en los Estados Unidos y registra información básica sobre ellos. La información se utiliza para determinar la representación en el Congreso y cómo y dónde se gastarán los fondos federales para construir nuevas escuelas, nuevas clínicas, nuevas carreteras y proporcionar más servicios para familias, adultos mayores y niños.

La Oficina del Censo ha publicado información sobre el Censo 2020 en la web, incluidos [cuestionarios de muestra](#), por qué es [importante el Censo](#), y cómo se [protege nuestra privacidad](#). Algunas fechas importantes para recordar:

- A mediados de marzo: cada hogar en Berwyn Heights recibe una invitación para responder al censo en línea o por teléfono.
- A mediados de abril: todos los hogares que aún no han respondido recibirán un cuestionario en papel.
- Mediados de mayo: los encuestadores visitarán los hogares que no han respondido para recopilar la información.



**Next Meeting
Monday, April 27
Cancelled***

Join the Education Advisory Committee to support Berwyn Heights students and their families.

- Future Dates for Civics Sessions
- Discussion regarding coordination of Kindergarten Connections with BHES PTA
- Community outreach

All residents are welcome!

Please contact the BHEAC at thebheac@gmail.com for more information

* Cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions



**Próxima Reunion
Lunes 27 de Abril
Cancelada***

Únase al Comité Asesor de Educación para discutir formas de apoyar a los estudiantes de Berwyn Heights y sus familias.

- Fechas futuras para la sesión de educación cívica.
- Discusión sobre la coordinación de las Conexiones de Kindergarten incluso con BHES PTA
- Alcance comunitario

Todos los residentes son bienvenidos

Póngase en contacto con BHEAC para obtener más información en: thebheac@gmail.com.

* Cancelada debido a restricciones de COVID-19

CODE COMPLIANCE

Response to CoVID-19 Pandemic

Please be advised that the Code Compliance Department has made several important procedural changes in response to the CoVID-19 pandemic, as follows:

- Rental inspections cancelled until at least May 15, 2020;
- Rental license application due dates and applicable fees remain the same, but must be submitted via e-mail to zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov or US mail by check or money order;
- All other license applications (building, roll-off, POD and right-of-way permits), must be submitted by e-mail to zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov or by U.S. mail;
- All payments for licenses & permits, fees & fines must be submitted by U.S. mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Drop-off payments are not accepted.

For additional information please call the Code Compliance Department at 301-513-9331.

Spring Yard Cleanup

When cleaning up your yard for the growing season, please place yard waste, such as leaves and clippings, into brown paper yard waste bags or a designated yard waste container. Larger branches should be bound into bundles not exceeding 5' in length and 2 1/2' in diameter. Bamboo should also be bundled but kept separate from other yard waste. It is disposed with regular trash in the landfill.

Thank you for your cooperation.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King

President@BHESPTA.org

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills

Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton

bhbgc@gmail.com

Vice President: vacant

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas
240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

Secretary: Jianmei Zhu

Athletic Director: Asgar Asgarov

Soccer Commissioner: Vacant

Track Commissioner: Brandon Batton

Education Advisory Committee

Contact: Joanna Whitaker

thebheac@gmail.com

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Chair: Amanda Dewey

amandamdewey@gmail.com

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes

therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Richard Ahrens

dicka247@gmail.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Movie Club

Jonathan Loutsch

bhmovieclub@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT

Chair Michael Attick

mikeattick@verizon.net

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881

Brett Bentley 240-678-9103

Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag

quilttag1@yahoo.com

Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones

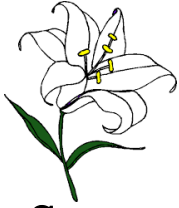
violindreams@verizon.net

Secretary: Theresa Beck

beck_theresa@yahoo.com

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



April 2020

Sun

Mon

















Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

29	30 	31 	1  Census Day CANCELLED 7:00 PM NW/EP Meeting	2 	3	4
5	6 	7  CANCELLED 7:30 PM Rec. Council Meeting	8 	9  CANCELLED 7:00 PM Green Team Meeting	10 Good Friday Town Offices Close at Noon	11
12 Easter Day 	13 	14 	15  7:00 PM Town Meeting FY 2021 Budget	16 	17	18 10:00 AM Town Cleanup
19	20  CANCELLED 7:00 PM Worksession	21 	22  CANCELLED 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting	23 	24	25
26	27  CANCELLED 7:00 PM BHEAC Meeting	28 	29  CANCELLED Candidates' Night	30 	May 1	2 CANCELLED BH Day



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper cleans everywhere along the curbs.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling
Recycling Collection



BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
5700 Berwyn Road
Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799

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TOWN INFORMATION

Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue 9-1-1
Police (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov
Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov
Fire Department (301) 474-7866
Senior Center (301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
Town Office (301) 474-5000
Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Call-a-Bus Reservations (301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Stephen D. Isler (301) 537-2228 sisler@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor — Public Health & Safety
Jason W. Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration
Ethan D. Sweep (218) 280-2273 esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Public Works
Amanda Dewey (443)-646-3529 adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs
Jeffrey Osmond josmond@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Code Compliance
Maria Broadbent—Town Manager mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:
Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:
Wednesdays for the entire Town

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
Email Town at
contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.
2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
3rd most recent mtg:
Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

Questions — call Kerstin Harper, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov
Advertising Rates — call Yvonne Odoi, Administration at 301-474-5000, or email: yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov
Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month
Helen Van Doren: Layout